



## MARLOW AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

APRIL AND MAY  
2024



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

This is my final message as Chairman of our u3a so I thought I'd take a look back over the past four years.

It all got off to a difficult start with the outbreak of Covid coming within weeks of me taking over! The restrictions on the numbers of people who could meet and the eventual implementation of lockdown had a dramatic effect on our ability to continue with u3a. Transferring to Zoom meetings for the Committee and for the groups was a bit of a learning curve but we managed, even holding an AGM online - not entirely successfully, it has to be said. Some groups are still meeting online as it is more convenient, now we're up to speed with the technology.

It was wonderful when we were able to start meeting up again in person, firstly outdoors (the Wednesday Walkers were quickly off the mark!). Eventually our meetings returned to normal though we still have to take care not to spread infections.

Regrettably we lost quite a few members during Covid due to those who passed away and others who moved to be nearer family. However, our numbers have recovered well and we now approaching our pre-Covid figures.

On the plus side, we have donated a defibrillator to the community which is now installed and operable outside the entrance to Liston Hall. Hopefully this will never be needed but it's reassuring to know that it's there.

Also, we have had two successful stalls at Marlow Carnival which have helped to raise our profile in the town. Some new groups have started up and there's always room for more. They just need Convenors! Our "Let's Talk" on Monday mornings has opened up a chance for people to meet for coffee and a chat as well as to bring ideas to the Committee.

We've also had articles included in the Marlovian showing the town some of what we do.

I have enjoyed my time as Chairman. Occasionally frustrating but it's been good to be able to give something back to an organisation that has become important in my life. We're fortunate that we have such a friendly and varied group of people as members.

I'm definitely not cutting my ties with u3a - you can't get rid of me that easily! I'm continuing with all my group memberships.

I am delighted that **Roger Shipton** has volunteered to take on the role of Chairman from me at the AGM. I'm sure he will do an excellent job and I hope that you will all give him the same welcome and assistance as I have had. He has been a member for a number of years so understands well how we operate and he is well known to many of you.


I'd like to finish by thanking the Committee who have supported me so much over the past four years. I couldn't have done it without them. I'd also like to thank all the members of Marlow and District u3a who have made me so welcome and supported the things I wanted to achieve as Chairman.

**Isobel Hopewell**

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members:

Annie Roy-Barker, Susan Cleugh, Julie and Steve Parry, Dominique Thatcher, Pamela Evans, Vanessa Broadhurst, Louise Carvalho, Linda Walton, Rowland Hawkins, Elizabeth Bailey, Sylvia Biggs, Sara Lumley, Jo Measure, Deb Watkins, Anna Bacon, Michael du Pre and Jackie Cuthill.

For any queries regarding membership please contact the membership secretary either by email: [membership@marlowu3a.co.uk](mailto:membership@marlowu3a.co.uk) or phone **486734** **Barbara Lawrence**



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Liston Hall 2.30 on the 4th Thursday of the month

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**                      **John Caldicott**                      **The History of the Foundling Hospital**  
 John Caldicott talks on the history of Thomas Coram's Foundling Hospital, the UK's oldest children's charity, and the lives of the children. John was a governor of the Thomas Coram Foundation for Children and secretary of the Old Coram Association for many years.

All proceeds from his talks are donated to the Foundling Museum in support of the Coram Foundation. (In 2018 Days Out organised a very successful and interesting visit to the Foundling Museum.)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**                      **Jeremy Holmes**                      **Carnegie – from Rags to Riches**  
 Rags to Riches to Giving it all Away – Andrew Carnegie, the world's richest man  
 Andrew Carnegie came from a slum in Dunfermline, Scotland, made his fortune in America as a ruthless steel magnate, then at the start of the 20th century gave it all away by setting up philanthropic foundations all over the world. In his day he was worth more than Bill Gates and earned so much interest on his wealth that he couldn't give it away fast enough. This talk explains his rise, his motivations and his unique personal story, in the context of the dramatic industrialisation of America. The speaker was a trustee of the Carnegie UK Trust for many years.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**                      **David Letts**                      **New Meanings**  
 Our speaker this month is David Letts who will talk to us about New Meanings At New Meaning Training, High Wycombe, they support young people aged 16-24 in their self-development, training, education and employment.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS IN LISTON HALL

### January

#### 'Mary Shelley'

What an absolutely spiffing afternoon we all enjoyed at the Liston Hall for our January monthly meeting. Nerve-wracking, though, at times, for those who became 'volunteers', for our guest, Mary Shelley, who was there both to delight and entertain, in her 'Mary Does Marlow' persona.

Having strolled from her West Street home along to the Liston Hall, most ceremoniously, in her elegant couture, Mary entered the room as the 'force majeure' that she is, for an afternoon, presenting her masterly tour of the Marlow area. Performed in her unique style with her most frightfully engaging use of the English language, her act is liberally peppered with anachronisms, linguistic tricks and expertise in dramatically rolling her 'rs'.

The history of the locality, across the centuries, was laid bare, to the spellbound

audience, with vividly descriptive pearls of fascinating anecdotes, in Mary's inimitably expressive and theatrical style.

Naturally, her tragically-fated husband, Percy, was given the full treatment, as she portrayed her own life history, with the recitation from Frankenstein reaching new heights in lurid and dramatic delivery.

Audience participation techniques, including horses' hooves, a rather dubious bouquet and a quiz were forced, commandingly, on Mary's unsuspecting victims as she careered across the room, enacting one particularly energetic scene.

Numerous legendary characters put in an appearance, including Dick Turpin, Lady Hoby and Ethelred the Unready, in Mary's indefatigable patter, never faltering in emphasising a punch line or pun and milking the most out of her macabre references.

'Mary Does Marlow' is much loved around the town for her perambulations and capers, along the highways and byways. Accompanied by her acolytes, she will be embarking on

another season of highly animated tours, dispensing her unique local take on infamous deeds and notorious incidents. We are very fortunate to have her in our midst. Hurrah!

**Dave Part**

"Mary" will be doing walking tours around Marlow again this summer. For further information please use this link – [www.ticketsource.co.uk/marydoesmarlow](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/marydoesmarlow)

### February

#### JENNY MALLIN – My Travels Around India

Jenny Mallin's "Travels Around India" talk at the February monthly meeting was both illuminating and thought-provoking. It revolved around a very personal account of the author's travels around India over the last thirty years.

With high quality slides, Jenny entertained a well-attended afternoon's appreciative audience with a lively description of the diverse cultural heritage of India's many regions, the languages being spoken, local customs, religious practices and wonderful natural history.

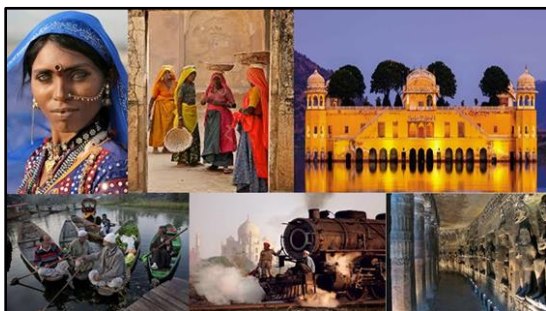
Punctuated with amusing and revealing anecdotes, illustrating some of the idiosyncratic ways in which life in India's towns and villages can vary so differently and contrast radically with how we go about our daily routines.

When we complain about crowded trains and bureaucracy, these seem insignificant, compared with the laborious methods which, in some cases, remain commonplace today, in the modern sub-continent.

Yet, it did become clear that, in spite of all these time-consuming daily annoyances and some intriguingly superstitious behavioural traits, the Indian population, as a whole, share a common humanity, both refreshing and exemplary when compared with much of our own twenty-first century ways.

This talk was not simply a travelogue but full of informative educational input which gave us the first-hand experiences of one woman's individual recollections and family reminiscences, going back to her grandparents' time.

**Dave Part**





**Back by popular demand.** Since our visit to St Albans last year, I have been asked by several members to repeat the trip. **Cost - £12pp**

Enjoy a day out in the historic city of St Albans and take the opportunity to visit some of the many places of interest listed below. Wednesday is also Market Day – it is an excellent market.

St Albans was once named Verulamium - the third largest city in Roman Britain, and the Verulamium Museum unravels the district's rich history with interactive displays, and some of the finest Roman mosaics and wall plasters outside the Mediterranean.

**ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL** has the longest nave in England and medieval wall paintings. There is a café in the crypt serving beverages and snacks etc. Daily guided tours are free and a limited number of tickets are available for pre-booking – see their website. Please note, these tickets are for individuals or small family groups only. Times: Mondays – Saturdays 11.30am, 1.05pm and 2.30pm. Tours last approximately 1 hour. There is nothing planned for 8<sup>th</sup> May so all the Cathedral will be accessible, unlike last year when there was an organ competition taking place in the main part.

**Museum, Gallery and Visitor Information Centre.** FREE ENTRY. 10am – 5pm. A Map and Walking Trail can be obtained from here.

**Verulamium Park in the centre of which is the Roman Mosaic, Hypocaust and the Verulamium Museum (Entry Fee is £5 for seniors)**

The coach will leave at 9.30 from the usual pick-up points **but in reverse**. It will start at Bobmore Lane near the Britannia, onto Spinfield and then Liston Road near Lidl. We will be dropped off behind the Visitor Information Centre. There are public toilets there. The coach will leave St Albans at 4.15pm for the homeward journey.

For the trip Sue Mayne is taking the bookings as well as collecting the cheques.

If interested, please call Sue on 485275 **with your name, mobile no and pick-up point**. If you have not phoned me before, you will be asked to say your name, press the # key and wait for me to accept your call.

Cheques to be made out to - **Marlow and District u3a** and can be brought to the April monthly meeting, sent to Sue Mayne, 21 Stapleton Close, Marlow, SL7 1TZ, or dropped through her letterbox.

**WHEN BOOKING PLEASE PHONE BETWEEN 10am and 6pm and ONLY AFTER 11th April 2024**

**Sue Mayne**



A couple of innovative uses for the potholes we have in our streets!



## GROUP NEWS

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### FRIDAY BRIDGE

This group meets on a Friday afternoon at 2.30pm in Liston Hall. Contact Helen Glover [glover.marlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:glover.marlow@yahoo.co.uk).

### FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History Group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in Liston Hall. **It is open to all members** of Marlow u3a. Contact Adrian Spearman [adrian.g.spearman@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.g.spearman@gmail.com).

### MATHS

The Maths Group meets every Tuesday at 10.00am. Why not give it a try, contact Terry Bowman [terry@tbowman.co.uk](mailto:terry@tbowman.co.uk) for more information.

### NEW GROUPS

If you are interested forming a new group, please let us know so it can be progressed. Either Helen Glover or Niki Ralfs should be able to help you. They can be contacted by email on [groups@marlowu3a.co.uk](mailto:groups@marlowu3a.co.uk).



## CUM MUSIS DEDITUS NON SIM



Do you like the picture on the front of this newsletter? It is a painting by Stanley Port, one of our members. Here is another, Luna. Contact Stanley to see more.

Stanley Port 07401 645632, [stanley@s-port.com](mailto:stanley@s-port.com)



## BOWLS FOR BEGINNERS



Spring is nearly here and once again taster courses are on offer for those who would like to try the sport of outdoor bowls. Courses will be arranged in the latter part of April and May.

The courses are usually for 2 / 3 sessions on dates to be agreed. We use Marlow Bowls Club green, which is adjacent to Court Gardens, and is in the old walled garden of the original house.

Suitable sized bowls and other equipment will be provided and the only charge is a green fee of £5 per session. All that participants are asked to bring is a pair of smooth soled shoes without heels.

Bowls is a game that can be played socially or competitively by women as well as men.

The coaching is given by qualified Coaches and aims to give participants a basic understanding of the laws of the game and the physical skills needed so that those who wish to continue to play can go on to join a local Club with confidence.

Course dates will be offered to you as soon as numbers and participants' preferences are known.

If you would like to register your interest or discuss the matter further please phone or email Mags Shelley 472531 / 07929 458767 or [mags@shelleymags.plus.com](mailto:mags@shelleymags.plus.com) as soon as possible.

## **ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT (ETT)**

The ETT group holds its regular Monthly Meetings on the first Tuesday of Every Month at Christ Church (URC), 18 Oxford Road, Marlow, SL7 2NL commencing at 2.00pm (Doors open from 1.40pm). New Members are welcome to come along.

The meetings for 2<sup>nd</sup> January (The Lost Rivers of London by Alan Fitzgerald), 6<sup>th</sup> February (Home Insulation and Air Source Heat Pumps) and for 5<sup>th</sup> March (Medical Imaging Diagnostics by Helen Francis) all attracted attendances of 55 – 65 members which is a very encouraging start to year. All of these presentations were very well presented being meticulously illustrated and delivered with a degree of humour. This made each one particularly interesting, informative and enjoyable.

### **Programme for ETT meetings:**

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>How to Take Good Photos</b> Peter Davis (Wycombe Photographic Society)
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Net Zero</b> Peter Carson (Abingdon u3a)
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Bird Flu, Man flu and Seasonal Flu</b> Jane Sellwood (Science Group, Reading u3a)

*Please note that for personal or operational reasons the program may need to be altered from time to time.*

### **ETT Management Changes**

At the end of March, both our Treasurer and Catering Manager will have stepped down after serving around seven and nine years respectively. Without their support and commitment, the ETT would not have attained the level of success it currently enjoys and our thanks go out to them both for all of their time and effort. We are fortunate in that a couple of volunteers have stepped forward on a trial basis to take up these roles so that each can gain a better understanding of the responsibilities involved and we very much hope they will continue in these positions.

### **Monthly Meeting Charges and Annual Subscription**

The ETT has decided to freeze the ETT Monthly Meeting Entrance Fee of £3.00 per person for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. It has also decided to repeat last year's offer for Members to take out an Annual Subscription of £25.00 covering the same period thereby enjoying a substantial discount across the twelve meetings plus other benefits. *(Note: Refreshments at Meetings are included)*

Please remember that the ETT operates on a cashless basis and all monies collected must be paid by Debit or Credit Card.

### **ETT Visits**

Following the significant increase in Coach Hire (now in the order of £725 to £825), the ETT has decided not to promote or operate any more coach trips to places of Interest for the foreseeable future. It will instead focus on visits that are closer to Marlow that will be operated on a voluntary Car-Share basis.

### **Members' Health, Safety and Well-Being**

Like all other Groups, the ETT is taking its members' well-being very seriously and is continuing to monitor the situation in respect to Flu and the latest Covid Variants. As a result of these potential threats, the ETT is continuing to implement a couple of simple hygiene measures such as providing hand-sanitisers and ensuring better ventilation.

Most importantly, members planning to go to ETT Meetings are requested not to attend if they show any signs of an illness in order to safeguard and protect others.

### **ETT Initiative**

The ETT has organised a free Digital Literacy and On-Line Security Tutorial (DLOLS) Course for some 20 ETT Members. This (already-full) course, which commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> March, will run for 4 - 5 consecutive months. The main aims of the course are to:

- Advise on the advantages of using new digital technology that is leaving many of its older members behind to their detriment, and
- Increase awareness and be better prepared against cleverly thought-out and plausible confidence tricks, scams and fraud.

Should this pilot exercise prove successful then consideration may be given to running another course towards the end of the year. More on this initiative will be published later in the year.

**Nigel Cornish**

## FRIDAY BRIDGE GROUP

Liston Hall Garden Room at 2.30pm

The "original" Marlow u3a Bridge Group meets every Friday afternoon to play friendly duplicate bridge and the group currently has vacancies.

You need to be able to play duplicate bridge to a reasonable standard (unfortunately, we cannot accommodate beginners). You do not need to have a regular partner. We will find someone for you to play with.

We start play at 2.30 pm and aim to finish by 5.00pm. We ask that players arrive at the hall by 2.20pm so that we can set up the tables for play. We are aiming to play 18+ boards in an afternoon and we would welcome new members to the group.

If you're interested, please contact **Helen Glover** on **484074** or [glover.marlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:glover.marlow@yahoo.co.uk)



## FAMILY HISTORY

New to family history research? Come and join the family history group and we can help you begin your journey. The family history group meets at 10.00 on the first Thursday of the month at Liston Hall.

### Read all about it...

Stories and documents passed down the generations:

- Newspaper cuttings from 1937 – the member's mother's only sibling George was killed in a football match when the ball hit him in the chest and he died on the field. Two years later the same newspaper reported that George's father had died of a broken heart.
- A fantastic collection of letters home, photographs and memorabilia from WW1 from the member's grandfather who had been injured and taken to a POW camp.

### Upcoming meetings:

**April** – 'Building a family tree' using genealogical websites.

**May** – 'My embarrassing ancestor' – members invited to bring along stories of ancestors' embarrassing moments.

**June** – 'An ancestor who has made me proud' – members invited to bring along their stories.

**Adrian Spearman** [adrian.g.spearman@gmail.com](mailto:adrian.g.spearman@gmail.com)



## LUNCH GROUP

<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Swan Uppers, Cookham</b> Ring Val on 524561 to book	12.00 for 12.15	£3 for tip
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Walnut Tree, Bourne End</b> Ring Carole on 483903 to book	12.00 for 12.15	£3 for tip

**Carole Thorpe**



## MOTO GROUP

This group is for members on their own who wish to meet others in a similar position. We meet for coffee and a chat at The Old Brewery Public House in the middle of Marlow High Street on the third Tuesday of every month at 10-30

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

If you would like to join us but do not wish to come alone, please call **Carole** on **483903**

**Carole Thorpe**

## POETRY

We are still meeting once a month, and are a group of 12. We are researching and discussing a poet each meeting both serious and humorous. Last month we enjoyed the humour of Spike Milligan.

Rosie Field



## MUSIC APPRECIATION (MAG)

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday every month at Christ Church (URC), 18 Oxford Road, Marlow, SL7 2NL starting at 9.45am. The group is open to all members of Marlow u3a. The Attendance Fee is £3.00 (cash payments only).

### January

Our January meeting did not quite go as planned. The subject was Beethoven. However, when it was time for the presentation the sound system in the church played up and to compound the problems the computer got stuck.

All was not lost as John was requested to play Chopin's Ballade no. 1 in G minor which he had played at a previous meeting.

### February



With a repaired sound system and a new computer, we welcomed young violinist Madeline Grambow. Madeline is 16 years old and currently studying with Tasmin Little. On her 333-year-old (circa.1690) Vincenzo Rugeri violin from Florian Leonhard Fine Violins, she played firstly an epic, romantic sonata by the Polish composer Karel Szymanowski followed by Sans Saens' Rondo Capriccioso. The applause was rapturous.

After a break, John completed his talk about Beethoven's links to Britain. We learnt that Beethoven had composed the music for many

English/Scottish songs including Auld Lang Syne and Sally in our Alley. There were complaints that his music was too complicated.



### Dates for the next meetings are:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Young violinist Alice Chadwick-Jones accompanied by her mother.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Cellist Elizabeth Corbett

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## RUMMIKUB D

Every 1st Wednesday of the month all those interested in playing Rummikub arrive for a **2.30pm** start at the **George and Dragon** in Marlow. We are very lucky to be given this hospitality by the licensee who enjoys our spending on beverages, drinks etc in a very quiet time of the day. We are organised into groups of four players and Niki Ralfs, our superb organiser, hands out the games to be used along with paper and pens for scoring. It is a lovely atmosphere and we usually manage 4 games in the two hours



or so that we play.

Basically, we all start with 14 tiles and the first person to end up with nothing is the winner. Great fun and it keeps the brain alert.

Our grateful thanks to Niki for organising us so well. Long may it continue.

Linda Ashwell

### Meeting dates:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Niki Ralfs 473377

## SCRABBLE

The Scrabble Group is continuing to meet every month. Our group is full but if anyone would like to go on the waiting list, please contact me. It is a friendly enjoyable group of differing standards of play.

In January we had our post-Christmas lunch at The Bull at Bisham. We enjoyed it very much. The meal was very good and the service excellent.

**Pam Mogg 485943**



## SPANISH UPPER INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

We are a small enthusiastic group of Spanish speakers who meet every Tuesday morning. We begin with general conversation to warm up and then go through a short grammar task we complete prior to the meeting; this is followed by an audio exercise (this being the most challenging activity for Spanish learners!); if a member has been on an interesting holiday, he/she will make a short presentation often showing photos.



We are very fortunate to have as members one retired and one current Spanish teacher. In addition, we are joined once a month by a Spanish national who works locally and who leads the session. I attach a photo of a Summer's meeting in my garden when a Spanish opera singer, Noa del Alamo Jimenez, entertained us.

We are a friendly, welcoming group and have spaces for additional members. If you would like to hear more do give me a call. You are welcome to come along and try us for size!

**Suzanne Bell 07816 001771**



## STROLLERS

**Jill Kemp 416998, Carole and John Battersby 474366**

All walks are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month unless stated otherwise, which start at 11 am

Please wear suitable footwear for the ground conditions. The walk leader should be contacted the day before to confirm attendance. If you need a lift or have any transport needs, please contact the nominated walk leader.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** **Carole and John 474366** will take us around Burnham Beeches. Take the A355 from Beaconsfield towards Slough. Once in Farnham Common (before shops), turn right into Beeches Road, signposted Burnham Beeches. Follow along to the Visitor Centre and Car Parking. We will lunch at the Cafe there afterwards, SL2 3TE

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** **Sue 485275** will lead a walk from Pinkneys Drive Car Park. From Bisham roundabout take the Maidenhead turning onto the A308 Marlow Road. Continue uphill and past the large green area of Pinkneys Green. Turn right into Pinkneys Drive, past the Cricket Club, through the village and then look out for the entrance to the car park on the right amongst the trees. (If you get to the T junction at the Henley Road you have gone too far). We will lunch afterwards at the Stubbings Garden Centre Cafe, SL6 6QL.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** **Carole and John 474366**. Meet at the Winter Hill car parking area. Proceed along Quarry Wood Road, ascend Winter Hill and shortly after the sharp bend, bear left to the car park. We will lunch afterwards at the Jolly Farmer, SL6 9PD.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** **Jill 416998** will lead a walk from Boveney. Take the A4 towards Slough to the Sainsbury's roundabout, turn right onto the B3026 signed Dorney and Eton. Continue through Dorney village, across the cattle grid onto the Common and turn right down Boveney Road, where the car park is on the right between the trees. We will lunch at the Dorney Court Garden Centre Cafe, SL4 6QP.

## WALKING GROUPS SCHEDULE

Jane Statham 01494 881634 [jes@withurst.co.uk](mailto:jes@withurst.co.uk)

Some walks have had to be cancelled at the beginning of the year due to the extreme weather conditions but we have been able to enjoy (albeit muddy) walks in the last few weeks.

If you would like to join the walking group, please e-mail Jane Statham [jes@withurst.co.uk](mailto:jes@withurst.co.uk)

Details of walks will be e-mailed to members of the walking group about 10 days in advance and only members can join the specific walk by contacting the walk leader by email. Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of the walk. The numbers of walkers are restricted for any one walk. No dogs please. These are the dates of the walks and leaders for the next few months.

### Wednesday Walks – Circular walks of around 5 miles

20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mike Basnett
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Liz
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Therese and Ivan
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Jeff Short
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Jane
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Geoff and Jeanette
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Jales and Jill Monk
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary Bunker
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Richard
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Stuart and Sandie
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Ed and Sandy
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Clive and Olivia
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Isobel
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Rob and Pam
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Arthur and Mavis
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Norma Baker
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Marianne and Anne
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Christine and Mary
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Win and Chris

### Long Loopers (Circular) and Long Leggers (from point to point) – Walks of between 8 and 10 miles

#### LONG LOOPERS

5 <sup>th</sup> April	Jill Cole
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Peter and Jane
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Jeff Short
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Laurence

#### LONG LEGGERS

21 <sup>st</sup> April	TBC
21 <sup>st</sup> May	TBC
21 <sup>st</sup> June	TBC
21 <sup>st</sup> July	TBC



## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

**THANKS!** Many thanks to all the people who have provided input to this Marlow Newsletter – without you our members would be looking at just a list of events or even just blank sheets. Your Committee and Editor work hard to make the newsletter both informative and interesting, but we can't do it alone. **We need your help!**

We will be even more grateful for contributions that come unprompted – i.e. ones that arrive without the originator being cajoled – or even bullied a little – into writing a few words for the newsletter.

**HOW DO I PROVIDE MY CONTRIBUTION?** In any way you like! Email it; scribble it down on a sheet of paper – whatever comes easiest to you. Ideally, Email to [newsletter@marlowu3a.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@marlowu3a.co.uk)

**JUNE AND JULY NEWSLETTER** The deadline for your contributions will be **7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Please send your articles and photos to [newsletter@marlowu3a.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@marlowu3a.co.uk) by then. Thank you.

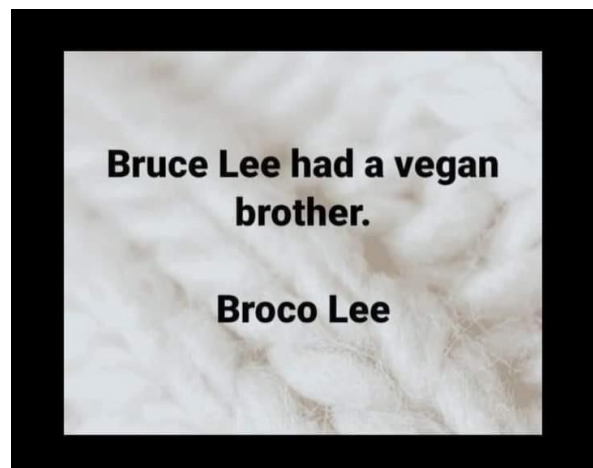
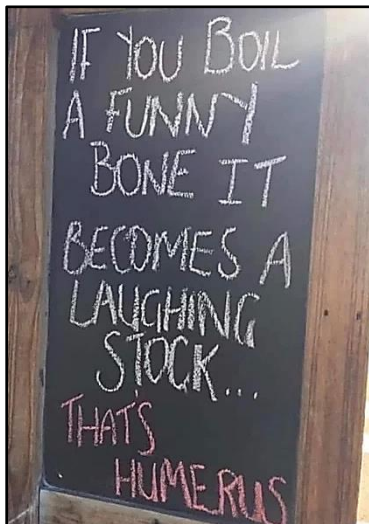
## MARLOW MUSEUM 15<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MAKEOVER 2024

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, after 15 years in the Peacock Room, Court Garden, we emptied the museum. It was amazing to see it just an empty shell again, waiting for the refurbishment to begin. We want somehow to keep that spacious feeling. When we reopen, we will have new lighting, flooring, and a specially-commissioned reception desk. There will be a little 'office' to hide away all the clutter. The museum will be redecorated and given a new look, which we hope you'll like. It will be much warmer, with double glazing and insulation. It will make it easier to keep the building at an even temperature, better for exhibits as well as people. There will be clear windows at the front to give a 'shop window' so people can see what we offer. Later in the year we'll do makeover Part 2 to improve the display cabinets. We want a museum for Marlow to be proud of. The makeover Part 1 was made possible by grants from SW Chilterns Community Board, SE Museum Development, the Shanly Foundation and Marlow Town Council.

Things were not straightforward: when we removed the display boarding, we found extensive rot in the timbers of the west wall. We took immediate action, so the refurbishment wouldn't be held up too long. We informed our landlord, Bucks Council; they inspected the work, approved, and asked for more to be done. With the weather not helping, it has meant a delay of about three weeks, so now it's not possible for us to re-open for Easter as planned. The second week in April is most likely, but watch for website and Facebook announcements and posters in town.

Stop Press: We'll have Wild Marlow running a bird box building session for families outside the museum on 6<sup>th</sup> April 10-2pm, at £10 per child. Book through the same email address.

Della Fitzgerald 07598 476807 or email [contact@marlowmuseum.org](mailto:contact@marlowmuseum.org)



## PHOTOS TO ENJOY

### Walkers Walks



A welcome cheese toastie after a muddy walk!

### Strollers Walks



Spade Oak Lake



The Bug House (should have been called Bug Mansion!), created by Wild Marlow, and found in the grounds of St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow

Your call is very important to us. So please enjoy this 40 minute flute solo



The older you get, the more you become like a computer.

You start out with memory and drive, then you become outdated and have to have all your parts replaced.

